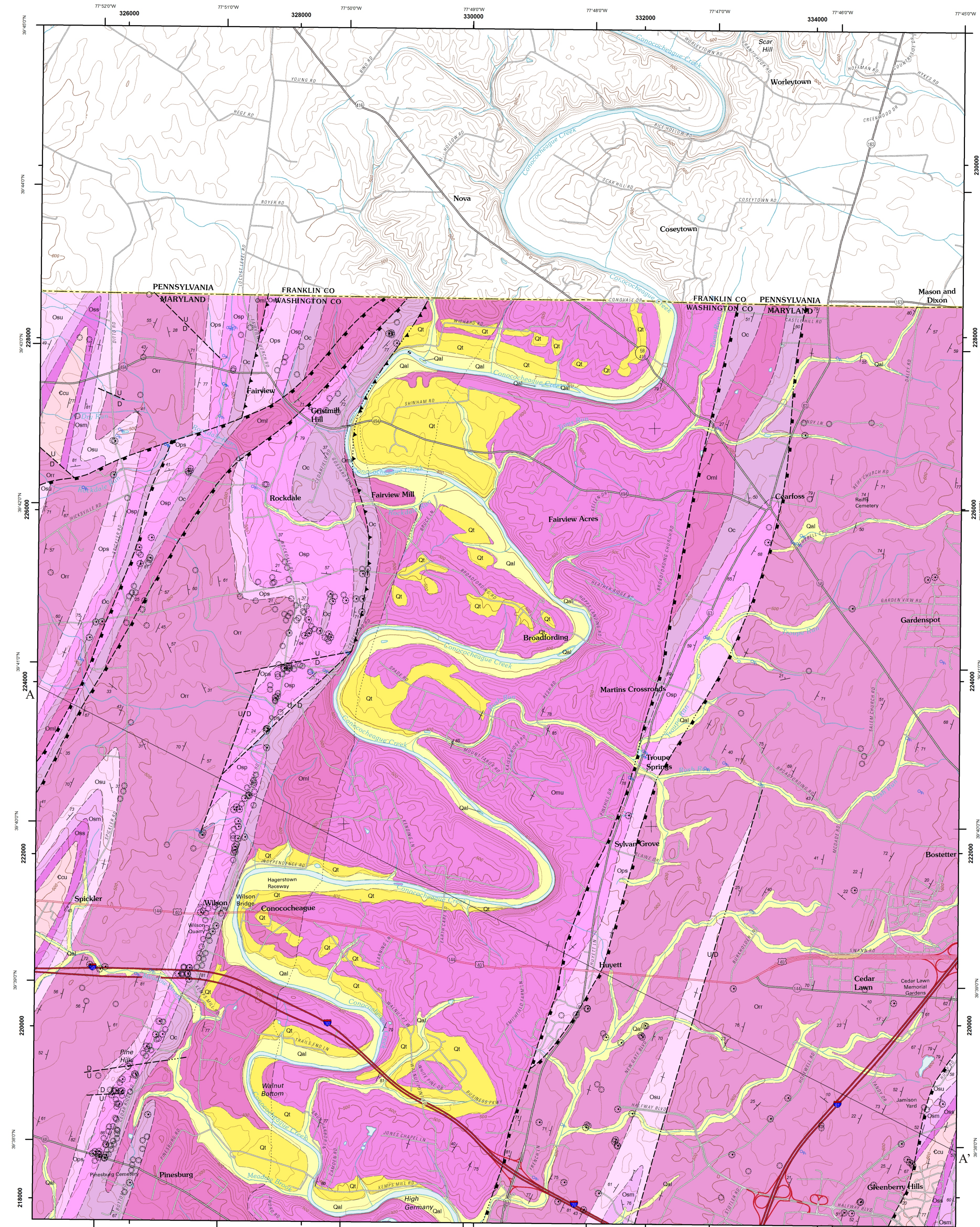


DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

- Alluvium**
- Poorly sorted, unconsolidated, tan, reddish brown, to dark gray mud, silt, sand, and pebbles. Deposited within the channels of streams and on the flood plain adjacent to the streams. Thickness estimated at 3 to 10 feet (1 to 3 m).
- Terrace deposits**
- Reddish brown to brown, sandy and clayey mixture of rounded pebbles to cobbles of sandstone, vein quartz, and quartzite. Present along elevated areas above Conococheague Creek. Thickness ranges from a thin veneer to more than 10 feet (0 to 3 m).
- Martinsburg Formation**
- Interbedded gray to greenish gray siltstone, tan sandstone, and gray to dark gray shale. Subdivided in the Mason-Dixon Quadrangle into lower and upper members.
- Upper member**
- Medium gray shale interbedded with thin (0.5 feet, 15 cm) light gray to greenish gray, silty, graded sandstone. Grading upward into interbedded greenish gray to medium gray siltstone and silty shale with medium-to-thick-bedded, medium- to coarse-grained sandstone. Thickness estimated at 2,000 to 3,000 feet (610–915 m).
- Lower member**
- Predominately medium to dark gray, fissile shale with thin (<0.5 inches, 1 cm) siltstone interbeds. Dark gray to black shale at base equivalent to the Utica Shale. Thickness estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 feet (457–610 m).
- Chambersburg Formation**
- Medium to dark gray, nodular- to medium-bedded, fossiliferous, fine-grained limestone. Nodular-bedded, shaly, highly fossiliferous limestone bearing the echinoderm, *Echinospaerites*, occurs near the base of the formation. Top of the Chambersburg Formation is gradational with overlying Martinsburg Formation and consists of interbedded argillaceous limestone and grayish green shale. This interval is equivalent to the Stickley Run Member of the Martinsburg Formation of Virginia. Thickness is 250 feet (76 m).
- St. Paul Group (undivided)**
- Massive, light gray, lime mudstone containing fenestral fabric (calcrete filled voids) at the base (Row Park Limestone), overlain by interbedded, medium to light gray to buff surface limestone and laminated dolomitic limestone at the top (New Market Limestone). The thickness of the St. Paul Group is 300 feet (91 m).
- Pinesburg Station Dolomite**
- Light gray to tan, medium-bedded, highly fractured, fine-grained dolomite. Weathers to a very light gray to buff surface. Interbedded with very light gray, laminated dolomite. Thickness is 350 to 400 feet (107–122 m).
- Rockdale Run Formation**
- Interbedded and cyclic limestone and dolomite, cherty in the lower 400 feet (120 m). Limestone intervals consist of medium to light gray, ribbon and thrombolitic to stromatolitic, lime mudstone to boundstone. Locally, limestone layers are light gray oolitic packstone to oolitic grainstone. Dolomite parts of cycles vary from tan, laminated, to light gray to tan, massive, fractured with wispy dolomitic laminae. The relative proportion of the limestone to dolomite varies upsection. In the lower 600 feet (180 m), limestone is typically thicker than dolomite. This progressively changes upsection so that the upper 700 feet (215 m) is dominantly dolomitic with little limestone within individual cycles. Thickness is up to 2,500 feet (760 m).
- Stonehenge Formation**
- The Stonehenge Formation was subdivided into three separate members. Only the lowest, the Stoufferstown Member, is named the other two are informal.
- Upper member**
- Medium to medium dark gray, medium-bedded, ribbon and oolitic, lime mudstone to packstone. Near the base of the member ribbon lime mudstone predominates. Upsection, medium gray, ribbon lime mudstone becomes interbedded with intervals of flat-pebble lime grainstone, and hummocky, thickly-laminated lime packstone and oolitic lime packstone to grainstone. Locally, thin (< 3.0 feet, 0.9 m) algal thrombolites are present. This member commonly forms a persistent and mappable ridge and is frequently well-exposed. Thickness is 500 to 750 feet (150–215 m).
- Middle member**
- Massive, medium to dark gray algal thrombolitic boundstone to ribbon limestone in the lower part. Some strata are up to 25 feet (7 m) thick. Grades upsection into interbedded medium to dark gray, algal thrombolitic boundstone interbedded with ribbon, locally fossiliferous, lime wackestone to lime packstone. Several thin, tan dolomite beds occur near the middle of the unit. Thickness: 300 to 400 feet (90–100 m).
- Stoufferstown Member**
- Dark gray, argillaceous, thinly bedded to ribbon, lime mudstone with thin beds of flat-pebble lime grainstone conglomerate and hummocky, discontinuous, thin beds of laminated limestone. A single, 10-foot (3 m) interval of massive, dark gray, thrombolitic, algal boundstone occurs approximately 30 feet (10 m) above the base of the member. This member weathers into thin, brown and orange chips, which litter overlying soil. Forms a low, discontinuous ridge. Thickness varies from 230 to 295 feet (70–90 m).
- Conococheague Formation**
- Interbedded gray, ribbon limestone and tan dolomite arranged in alternating cycles. Subdivided and mapped as three members, but only the uppermost is exposed in the Mason Dixon Quadrangle. Total thickness of the formation is from 2,000 to 2,500 feet (610–760 m).
- Upper member**
- Interbedded medium to light gray, ribbon, lime mudstone that weathers to flaggy or platy beds, and arenaceous grainstone exhibiting edgewise and flat-pebble components. Locally, thin, pastel blue and pink marble strata are developed. Black or gray chert fragments and brown-weathering quartz sandstone cobbles are frequently abundant in overlying soil. Thickness: 650 to 750 feet (200–230 m).
- Middle member (cross-section only)**
- Predominantly cyclically bedded, medium to dark gray, thrombolitic limestone and gray, ribbon and laminated limestone and tan, laminated dolomite. Thrombolites range in thickness from 3 to 6 feet (1 to 2 m) within thrombolitic intervals to less than 1 foot (0.3 m) within the ribbon intervals. Several dark gray, oolitic intervals are present in the upper part of this member. Thickness ranges from 1,500 to 1,800 feet (460 to 550 m).



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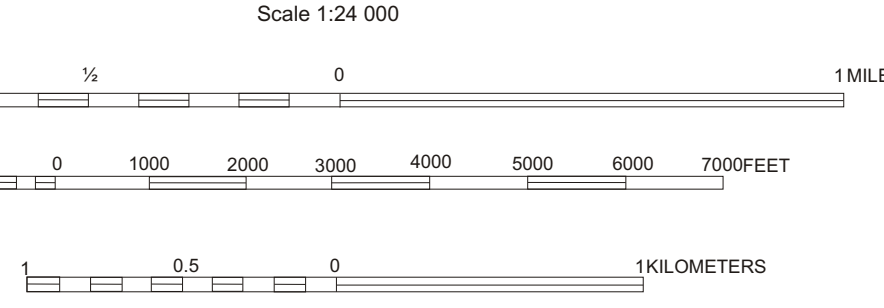
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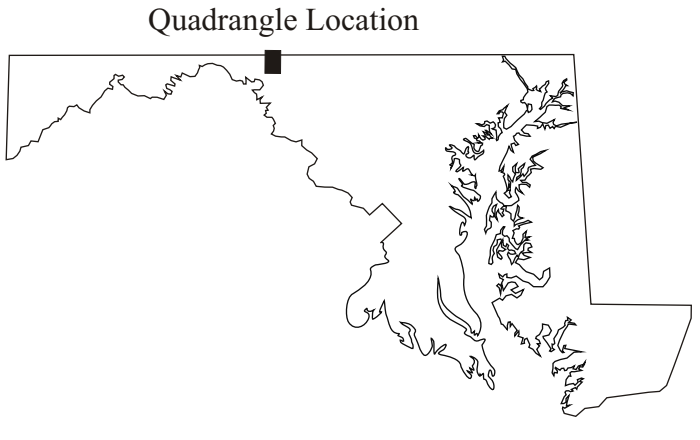


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			2 Williamson
4		5	3 Greensboro
			4 Clear Spring
6	7	8	5 Hagerstown
			6 Hedgesville
			7 Williamsport
			8 Funkstown



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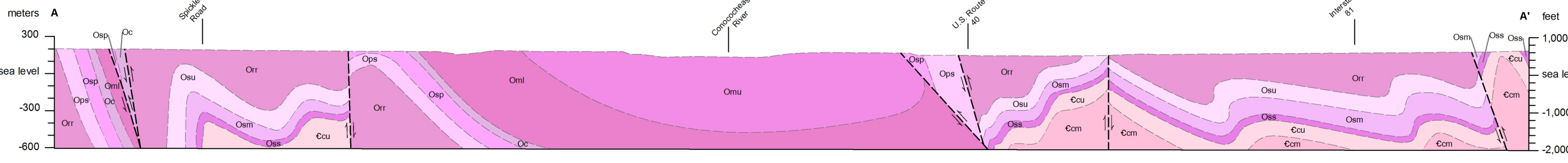
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